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SENATOR CUDABACK: Have announcements?

CLERK: One item, Mr. President: Reference report referring LB 1123-1146. That's offered by Senator Coordsen, as Chair. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 261.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, when the Legislature recessed, Senator Chambers had offered a motion to bracket the bill. That motion failed. I now have a motion to reconsider that vote by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your reconsider motion, the motion just taken.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I want to continue discussing the text of Senator Foley's amendment. One reason it's kind of difficult to proceed in this way even though I'm dealing with the language in his amendment, I don't know whether you're going to accept Senator Brashear's or not, and if you do then I'm going to have to go through all of this over again in terms of my objections, because his amendment and Senator Foley's are very similar. After we get through with the one of Senator Brashear's, which is before us now, namely FA798, we will then deal with an item of Senator Kruse, or maybe one of mine. But at any rate, we will come to another major amendment by Senator Brashear, AM2316, which is very similar to Senator Foley's amendment and would replace it. So I'm going to just have to see what develops and how things work out. I'd like to share with my colleagues my method of operation when I come to the Legislature for a session. When we're in an even numbered year we stay for 60 days; odd numbered year, 90 days. I'm prepared to spend whatever number of days the session consists of doing whatever comes before us. So if one bill is very contentious, highly technical as this one is where it takes time to just get a grasp of what is being said, or some of those bills which when you read it you understand everything in it, 60 days will be consumed. So regardless of what is before us to be dealt with